

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Marilyn Khorsandi on 4/27/10.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

**Please Cancel Claim 7.**

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the Applicant discloses the use of a plurality of aligned server computer devices where each server does a different task. Nicholls discloses the use of servers such as supervisory servers for access, rating servers, and even discloses the use of tracking capabilities for multiple carriers. However Nicholls fails to disclose a specific use of a server for tracking. Whereas the use of tracking servers is old and well known in the art at the time the invention was made, and Boucher discloses these features, however the applicant has showed conception of the invention prior to the Boucher reference. A tracking server, which receives a tracking number from a user, determines which carrier is associated with the number, then through an online connection with

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the carrier, retrieves status information, then displays the retrieved information to the user, is not anticipated nor rendered obvious over the prior art of record at the time of the invention.

3. The Interview with the applicant's representative was initiated by the examiner to Cancel Claim 7, due to the fact that Claim 7 was an independent claim, which was broad and did not contain the allowable feature indicated above.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAMISUE A. PLUCINSKI whose telephone number is (571)272-6811. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (5:30 - 4:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (571) 272-6812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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